

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MAY, 1929.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

LAY READER (Bishop's Licence) :

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 23 Railway Street, Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—George Henry Wilson.

People's—John Harrison Twinem.

The Easter Vestry.

At the Easter Vestry held in Seagoe School on Thursday, April 4th, the following appointments were made:—

CHURCHWARDENS :

George Henry Wilson, Lower Seagoe, Rector's.

John Harrison Twinem, Portadown, People's.

SELECT VESTRY :

Thos. E. Maginnis.

John G. Gracey.

Moses Gilpin.

Miss I. Atkinson.

John Montgomery.

Thomas Martin.

Robert M'Clements.

Isaac Dickson.

James Twinem.

Hugh Stoops.

John E. Lavery.

Robert Scott.

SIDESMEN :

R. M'Clements.

J. Dermott.

J. Twinem.

T. Martin.

J. G. Gracey.

Gilbert Price.

Isaac Dickson.

W. Cox.

J. Allen.

W. H. England.

W. A. Casey.

J. R. Reid.

R. Scott

A. Allen.

Hon. Sec.—Moses Gilpin.

Hon. Treas.—Hugh Stoops, Killycomain Road, Portadown.

At the Easter Vestry the Rector presided. The meeting was opened with prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture. The Rector, in his opening address, referred to the various organisations at work in the Parish. There had been an increase in the number of Communicants during the year and also in the congregations, especially at Evening Prayer. A company of the Church Lads' Brigade had been formed, and a branch of the G.F.S. had been started. The Mothers' Union has an increased membership and is doing a most useful work. The Bible Classes for men and women are largely attended and much interest has been shown in the work. The Sunday Schools carry on an excellent work under a numerous and capable band of Superintendents and Teachers. At the close of the Rector's address the elections of Churchwardens and Select Vestry followed. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Hugh Stoops) presented his financial statement, which was satisfactory.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) on Tuesday, April 14th, in Seagoe School, at 7-30 p.m. Mrs. Magill, of Killycomaine Road, has kindly promised to give an address to the members. Tea will be provided and a full attendance of the members is expected. Just at this season of the year Seagoe School, with its pretty surroundings, is a delightful place for such a gathering.

Changing Seagoe.

New houses and new streets are rising up in all directions. The grounds of the new Villa opposite Eden Hall are being laid out with great taste and will transform that neighbourhood. We hope the builders of new houses and streets will give nice and appropriate names to their property. Suitable names will enshrine the past history of the Parish. We suggest the following—St. Fintan's (Fintan was the patron saint of Kilwilk in the Parish of Seagoe), Oak Lodge (Edenderry means the "Hill brow of the Oak-trees"), Saurin Avenue (after the Saurin family), Burleigh Court (after the Burleighs of Lylo and Portadown), Fintan-ville (after St. Fintan), Tydba Drive (Tydba was the mediaeval name of Seagoe), Etragh Villa (Etragh was incorporated in the name of Upper Seagoe, which was known as Seagoe Etragh), Overend Place (after the late Judge Overend, a native of Edenderry).

Rev. W. A. Henry.

The Rev. W. A. Henry officiated for the last time as Curate of Seagoe on Easter Day, March 31st. He preached at Evening Prayer. There was a large congregation and the Seagoe Company of the C.L.B. paraded in full strength. Besides the presentations to Mr. Henry recorded in our last issue two others were made to him before he left us. The Superintendents, Teachers and children of Seagoe Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools presented him with a handsome private Communion set. The presentation was made at a social meeting held in Seagoe School. Mr. Henry was also presented with a cheque by some of his friends in the Parish. He revisited Seagoe on Friday, April 12th, and left the same afternoon for Belfast. Several parishioners as well as the Rector and Mr. Gracey were at the station to see him off on his long journey. He sailed from Belfast on April 13th in the new liner Duchess of Richmond, which reached St. John's, New Brunswick, up to time. The long journey to Winnipeg was made by train, and Mr. Henry hoped to enter upon his duties as Rector of Snowflake in the Diocese of Rupertsland on May 1st. So we expect he is already hard at work in his new Parish. Next month we hope to have ready for publication in the Magazine a full account of his journey.

Confirmation and After

The anniversary of last year's Confirmation, June 8th, will soon be coming round. Some of those who took part in that solemn service have become regular Communicants, but many have not. We have decided to make Sunday, June 15th, a day of special invitation for those who were confirmed, so that they may attend the celebration of Holy Communion on that Sunday at 8 a.m. Our Lord's command is, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Ascension Day

On Ascension Day (Thursday, May 9th) Services will be held as follows in the Parish Church:—

11-30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Offerings for Foreign Missions.

Whitsunday

On Whitsunday, May 19th, the following Services will be held:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m.—Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and sermon.

Offerings on behalf of Seagoe Parochial School.

Rogation Sunday

Sunday, May 5th, will be Rogation Sunday, and the Services will have special reference to asking God's blessing on the Sowing of the Seed in our fields. Our Harvest Services will have a fuller meaning if on Rogation Sunday we ask the Divine Blessing on the sowing of the seed.

C.L.B. Training Corps

A C.L.B. Training Corps for boys between the ages of 10 and 14 was started in the Parochial Hall on Monday, April 29th. Forty-eight boys joined up, which is a very good beginning.

Open-Air Services

Two open-air services were held in Edenderry during Holy Week. At Robb's Factory a large gathering of the workers assembled after dinner hour on the grass plot in front of the Factory. Hymns were heartily sung and short addresses were given by the Rector and Mr. Gracey, our Lay Reader. An open-air service was also held at the Foundry. The workers returning from dinner formed in a group and joined heartily in the service. After the service, Mr. Williamson, the manager, invited the Rector and Mr. Gracey to visit the works and in a very interesting way explained the work done in the various shops.

Sunday School Excursion

At a meeting of the Superintendents and Teachers of our Sunday Schools held in Seagoe School on Friday evening, May 3rd, at 8 p.m., it was decided to have the Annual Excursion on Thursday, 25th

July to Newcastle. We are glad to be able to announce that the Tammficarbets and Ballyhannon Bands will accompany the excursion.

Our Summer Migrants

Our summer migrants have arrived a little later this year than usual. The first cuckoo sounded its note at Seagoe on Sunday evening, April 28th. The first corncrake was heard at Seagoe on Monday evening, April 29th, and the swallows made their first appearance at Seagoe on Thursday, May 2nd.

Men's Service.

The Service for men held in the Parish Church on Sunday, April 14th, at 2-30 p.m. was attended by almost 200 men. The Rev. Canon Taylor gave a stirring address on "Christian Manliness."

Parish Register for April. Baptisms.

The following were baptized in Seagoe Parish Church on April 6th, 1929:—

Fletcher—Vera, daughter of Joseph and Jane Eliza Fletcher, of Killicomaine.

Sponsors—Alberta Robinson, Jane Eliza Fletcher.

Magee—Emily, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Margaret Magee, of Portadown.

Sponsors—Joseph Magee, Sarah Margaret Magee.

M'Mullan—Irene Phyllis, daughter of Herbert and Amelia M'Mullan, of Lylo.

Sponsors—Margaret Webb, Amelia M'Mullan.

Liggett—Noel, son of Thomas Henry and Sarah Jane Liggett, of Edenderry.

Sponsors—Mary Evelyn Ford, Sarah Jane Liggett.

Burials.

Simpson—John Simpson, of Portadown, formerly of Seagoe—aged 46.

Flavell—March 31st, Jane Flavell, of Knock—aged 75. Interred at Drumcree.

Cooke—April 2nd, Margaret Cooke, of Killyman—aged 16.

Atkinson—April 4th, James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe—aged 78.

Twinem—April 14th, Robert Harrison Twinem, of Crossmacahilly—aged 70.

Wells—April 18th, Anne Wells, of Edenderry—aged 85.

M'Dowell—April 19th, Thomas M'Dowell, of Killicomaine—aged 84.

Hopps—April 22nd, Thomas George Hopps, of Balteagh—aged 40.

Coulter—April 28th, Samuel J. Coulter, of Tarson—aged 69.

Kinney—May 5th, George Kinney, of Edenderry—aged 41.

Death.

M'Dowell—April 20th, at Florida, U.S.A., Ada, wife of James M'Dowell, of "Seagoe," Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Interred at Providence, U.S.A.

C.M.S. Boxes.

The C.M.S. Box Collection for 1929. Totals £8 16s 3d, as follows:—

Hacknahay, £5 14s 11½d—Mrs. Bradshaw, 9s 10d; Miss M. England, 5s; Miss M. McCormick, 5s 1d; Mrs. Duke, 4s 3d; Mrs. Thos. Neill, 2s; Mrs. H. Neill, 5s 7d.; Miss S. Maginnis, 6s 1d; Miss D. Montgomery, 3s 3d; Miss J. Currie, 4s 11d.; Miss A. Magee, 1s 4½d; Miss Rodgers, 6d; Miss S. Gennett, 13s 9d; Mrs. Nixon, 7s 11d; Mrs. G. McNeill, 1s 7d; Mrs. N. England, 6s 7d; Mr. W. J. Calvert, 2s 6d; Miss Calvert, £1 14s 9d.

Seagoe, 18s 6d.—Miss Maisie Ruddell, 7s 3d; Miss E. Collins, 3s; Miss L. Best, 8s 3d.

Drumgor, 13s 8d.—Mrs. Hopps, 1s; Mrs. Dickson, 3s 9d; Mr. W. Gracey, 2s; Miss L. Gracey, 6s 11d.

Edenderry, £1 9s 1½.—Mrs. Dawson, 6s 10½d; Mrs. Stoops, 2s 6d; Miss Atkinson, 2s 6d; Mrs. Metcalf, 3s 8½d; Mrs. C. Magee, 1s 4d; Mrs. Flannigan, 2s 2d; Miss G. E. Atkinson, 10s 0½d.

S.A.M.S.

The South American Missionary Society collections for year 1928-1929 are as follows:—

Boxes—Miss Calvert, 15s 9d; Miss A. Guy, 6s 6d; Mrs. Lewie, 6s; Mrs. McDougal, 16s; Miss S. Montgomery, 11s 5d; Miss J. Porter, 2s 6½d; Miss Price, 2s 6d; Miss Reil, 10s; Mrs. Walker, 1s 11½d. Total—£3 12s 8d.

Card—Miss Atkinson, £6 3s 6d.

Our Losses.

The long list of burials which we publish this month contains many names of those who were well-known and highly esteemed among us. John Simpson, whose death occurred in March, was well known in Seagoe. His father, William Simpson, was sexton of Seagoe up to 1874 and was also for many years caretaker of Old Seagoe Graveyard. He leaves a widow and four young children. James Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, was called home suddenly but had reached an advanced age. He was the son of the late Mr. James Atkinson, who was for 50 years Secretary of Seagoe Vestry. Mr. Atkinson was greatly respected by all who knew him. The death of Thomas McDowell, of Killicomaine, has removed from our midst an old and highly esteemed parishioner. He passed to his rest in a good old age. A pathetic coincidence was that his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ada McDowell, passed away just three days later at Port Ritchie, Florida, U.S.A. Mrs. McDowell was the wife of Mr. James McDowell, of "Seagoe," Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., who is well-known to many in the Parish. The Parish has sustained a great loss in the death at an early age of Thomas George Hopps, of Balteagh. Tom Hopps was beloved by everyone for his kind, gentle and sincere disposition. He acted for many years as Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School. His health was never very good but he gave unstintingly of his time and ability to further God's work in Drumgor. His funeral to Knocknamuckley was largely attended. A handsome wreath was sent from

the Teachers and Scholars of Drumgor Sunday School. It bore the inscription "A token of respect and esteem from the Teachers and Scholars of Drumgor Sunday School." Samuel J. Coulter, of Tarsan, has also passed to his Eternal Rest. He and the members of his family have always been closely associated with Seagoe Parish. His death leaves a sad blank in the home circle and the Parish. We have also to lament the death of Mrs. Flavell and Mrs. Wells, both of whom had reached an advanced age. To the bereaved relatives of all those who have passed from our midst, and to Mr. James McDowell in "Seagoe" beyond the seas we offer our sincere sympathy. We recall the words from the Burial Office, "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, 'Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.'"

The Service in Drumgor Church Hall on Sunday, May 12th, at 4 p.m. will take the form of a memorial service for the late Mr. Thomas George Hopps.

Old Seagoe Notes.

A Townland Link between Seagoe and Drumcree.

—The townland of Ballynagowan, in Drumcree Parish, is the townland which faces Lower Seagoe across the Bann. Ballynagowan means the Town of Gobhan and it was apparently so named because of its proximity to Seagoe, which means the Abode or House of Gobhan. This is an interesting fact and illustrates the influence of Seagoe in the history of the past.

Congratulations

We offer our hearty congratulations to Miss Bet Blacker on her approaching marriage to Mr. Thring, of the Royal Navy, only child of Sir Arthur Thring, Clerk of the Parliaments at Westminster. The marriage is expected to take place at the end of July. We hope to see the happy couple some time in residence at the old place in Carrick Blacker, which has such a long and honourable association with the Blacker family.

ITEMS

The s.s. Duches of Richmond, which brought Mr. Henry to Canada, on its return journey stranded on a sandbank off St. John's and had to put back into dry dock for repairs.

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The Tamnificarbet Band kindly headed the C.L.B. on its march through Edenderry prior to the recent Men's Service.

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The extraordinary spell of dry weather which has now extended for three months, has proved a great boon to farmers and workers in general, and now with the advent of Summer Time it can be still more fully enjoyed.

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An umbrella was removed from the Church by mistake on Sunday evening, April 28th. Will the

person who took it be so good as to return it as it was much valued by its owner?

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Gifts of fruit were distributed to our Seagoe patients in Lurgan Infirmary at Easter. We have also got the wireless set in the surgical ward repaired, much to the delight of the patients. The expense will run up to £5, and if any who read this will kindly send a subscription we will acknowledge it with thanks. A hearty cheer, the first on record, rose from the sick men when the music was turned on.

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Polling day for the General Election is fixed for May 22nd. If there is a contest in North Armagh see that you vote right.

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The new street in Edenderry is to be known as Eden Avenue. Someone has said that before long Edenderry will be quite a Garden of Eden. We hope so.

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There has been a good deal of serious illness in many parts of the Parish during the past month.

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Open-air services are now being held in Edenderry on each Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. The meeting will be in Century St. on Wednesday, May 8th. Other open-air services are being arranged.

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Two teams from Seagoe C.L.B. had a practice football match at Levaghery on Thursday evening, May 2nd. It ended in a draw, one goal each. We hope soon to challenge some of the Belfast C.L.B. teams and beat them.

SERVICES THE PARISH CHURCH.

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. If notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEEES FOR CERTIFICATES BAPTISM**, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

A Sad Accident

We regret to record the death of George Kinney, a worker in the Foundry, as the result of an accident. His foot was seriously injured by molten metal, and a few days ago symptoms of tetanus, or lock-jaw, developed which had a fatal termination last Friday morning. George Kinney, who was a native of Donegal, had for the past few years resided in this neighbourhood. He had been a regular worshipper in the Parish Church and was very popular with everyone. He served all through the war in the 1st Batt. of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, and had escaped wounds and sickness. As he said a few days ago, "Nothing ever happened me until I got this hurt." Much sympathy is expressed for his wife in her sad bereavement.

Seagoe C.L.B.

Seagoe C.L.B. has had a strenuous month. On Saturday, April 20th, they journeyed to Belfast for a combined Parade Inspection. The inspection was held in the parade ground of the Victoria Barracks. We hear that the Seagoe Company were voted to be extra smart and efficient by all who saw them on parade. On Sunday, April 21st, the Brigade again made their way to Belfast for the combined Church Parade at St. Michael's Church on the Shankill Road. They attended morning Prayer and in the afternoon took part in the combined Church Parade. The large church was completely filled with the C.L.B. companies. Our company was most hospitably entertained by Major Fairey and the St. Michael's lads, and on behalf of our lads we thank them most sincerely for their kindness.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.